

Pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), concurrently filed herewith, together with the fee required under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3), the undersigned elects to extend the response date three (3) months from October 25, 2002 to January 25, 2003.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been written as follows:

The Paragraphs beginning at line 6 and ending at line 18 of Page 15 have been rewritten as follows:

D1 As illustrated in Fig. 1, a carrying handle, shown generally as 60, has a first strap member 64 having a first end 68 and a second end 70.

The first end 68 is operatively secured to the outer member 34 at location 72. The second end 70 is formed into a loop and terminates in a connecting member 76.

The carrying handle 60 includes a second strap member 90 which has a first end 92 and a second end 79. The first end 92 is operatively mounted on the exterior surface of the outer member 34. The second end 79 interacts with the

connecting member 76 to form a carrying handle 60 for carrying and transporting the bag. The connecting member 76 and the second end 79 are moveable relative to each other.

A fastening member 50 is located within the opening 38 and extends in a selected direction on the outer member 34. At least a portion of the fastening member 50 extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to the carrying handle 60. The carrying handle 60 is positioned to refrain from interfering with the inserting and removing of a ball from the outer member 34 defining the bag.

The paragraph commencing at line 17 and ending at line 23 of Page 17 has been re-written as follows:

The bag for holding a ball 430 as illustrated in Fig. 14 includes a ruggedized carrier shown generally as 490 having a carrying handle 464 and an elongated carrying strap 492. The carrying handle 464 has a first end shown by arrow 468 and a second end shown by arrow 470.